

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

LEA ANN LOCKWOOD,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
)	
vs.)	CIVIL NO. 17-cv-1261-CJP ¹
)	
COMMISSIONER of SOCIAL SECURITY,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

PROUD, Magistrate Judge:

Before the Court is the parties' Joint Motion for Remand for Further Proceedings Pursuant to Sentence Four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g). **(Doc. 24)**.

The parties ask that this case be remanded for further proceedings pursuant to sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g). A sentence four remand (as opposed to a sentence six remand) depends upon a finding of error, and is itself a final, appealable order. See, *Melkonyan v. Sullivan*, 501 U.S. 89 (1991); *Perlman v. Swiss Bank Corporation Comprehensive Disability Protection Plan*, 195 F.3d 975, 978 (7th Cir. 1999). Upon a sentence four remand, judgment should be entered in favor of plaintiff. *Shalala v. Schaefer*, 509 U.S. 292, 302-303 (1993).

The parties agree that, upon remand, "the ALJ will re-evaluate the claimant's mental RFC, with citation to the medical evidence that supports each of

¹ This case was assigned to the undersigned for final disposition upon consent of the parties pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §636(c). See, Doc. 28.

the limitations assessed; re-evaluate the record medical opinions concerning the claimant's mental impairments; and obtain reliable additional vocational evidence."

Plaintiff applied for disability benefits in July 2010. Her application was denied by an ALJ, and the Appeals Council remanded. Her application was denied again, and she filed suit here. This Court remanded, and her application was denied again. See. Doc. 17, Ex.1, pp. 1-2. While recognizing that the agency has a full docket, the Court urges the Commissioner to expedite this case on remand.

For good cause shown, the parties' Joint Motion for Remand (**Doc. 24**) is **GRANTED**.

The final decision of the Commissioner of Social Security denying plaintiff's application for social security benefits is **REVERSED and REMANDED** to the Commissioner for rehearing and reconsideration of the evidence, pursuant to sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g).

The Clerk of Court is directed to enter judgment in favor of plaintiff.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: August 6, 2018.

s/ Clifford J Proud
CLIFFORD J. PROUD
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE